

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A handle for ~~[[a]]~~ attachment to a carrying case, the handle comprising:

a first substantially rigid portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion defining a substantially horizontal receiving area and the lower portion defining a first carrying case engagement portion; and

a second substantially rigid portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion defining a substantially horizontal nesting part that is configured to nest ~~within the~~ substantially horizontal receiving area ~~when the handle is in use~~ and the lower portion defining a second carrying case engagement portion~~[[;]]~~,

wherein the nesting part is configured to pivot ~~pivots~~ within the receiving area, and the handle is configured to continue to be ergonomic as the substantially horizontal nesting part pivots within the substantially horizontal receiving area, and

wherein the first carrying case engagement portion is adapted to pivot inwardly with respect to the carrying case, and

wherein the second carrying case engagement portion is adapted to pivot inwardly with respect to the carrying case while the first carrying case engagement portion pivots inward.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A handle in accordance with claim 1 wherein the first and second carrying case engagement portions each comprise a single elongated horizontal portion that is configured to be attached to ~~received by~~ the carrying case.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A handle in accordance with claim 1 wherein the first and second carrying case engagement portions comprise rigid plastic ~~each comprise two individual parts that are received by the carrying case.~~

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A handle in accordance with claim 1 wherein the first portion ~~may be~~ is capable of being separated from the second portion.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A handle in accordance with claim 1 wherein the nesting part ~~is secured within the~~ completely fills the receiving area, and extends above the receiving area.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) ~~A carrying case~~ An apparatus comprising:
a carrying case; body;
at least two handle engagement portions; and
a ~~handle, the~~ handle comprising[[:]]
a first substantially rigid portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion,
the upper portion defining a substantially horizontal receiving area and the lower portion
defining a first carrying case engagement portion that engages at least one of the at least two
handle engagement portions[[:]], and
a second substantially rigid portion comprising an upper portion and a lower
portion, the upper portion defining a substantially horizontal nesting part that is configured to
nest nests within the substantially horizontal receiving area ~~when the handle is in use~~ and the
lower portion defining a second carrying case engagement portion that engages at least one of
the at least two handle engagement portions[[:]]
wherein the nesting part ~~pivots~~ is capable of pivoting within the receiving area,
and wherein the handle is configured to continue to be ergonomic when ~~as~~ the substantially
horizontal nesting part pivots within the substantially horizontal receiving area, and
wherein the first carrying case engagement portion is adapted to pivot inwardly
with respect to the carrying case and wherein the second carrying case engagement portion is
adapted to pivot inwardly with respect to the carrying case while the first carrying case
engagement portion pivots inward.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) ~~A carrying case~~ An apparatus in accordance with claim 6 wherein ~~the carrying case comprises two handle engagement portions and~~ the first and second carrying case engagement portions each comprise a single elongated portion that is received by a respective handle engagement portion.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) ~~A carrying case~~ An apparatus in accordance with claim 6 wherein the carrying case comprises four handle engagement portions and the first and second carrying case engagement portions each comprise two individual parts that engage two respective handle engagement portions.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) ~~A carrying case~~ An apparatus in accordance with claim 6 wherein the first rigid portion is capable of being ~~may be~~ separated from the second rigid portion.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) ~~A carrying case~~ An apparatus in accordance with claim 6 wherein when the nesting part is configured to pivot within the receiving area, and the carrying case is capable of expanding from about 1 to about 5 inches at a location where the handle is attached to the carrying case the nesting part is secured within the receiving area.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A method of varying dimensions of a carrying case in an apparatus including the carrying case, comprising a body, at least two handle engagement portions and a handle, ~~the method comprising:~~

~~providing~~ the handle comprising[[:]]

a first substantially rigid portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion defining a substantially horizontal receiving area and the lower portion defining a first carrying case engagement portion that engages at least one of the at least two handle engagement portions[[:]], and

a second substantially rigid portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion defining a substantially horizontal nesting part that nests within the

substantially horizontal receiving area when the handle is in use and the lower portion defining a second carrying case engagement portion that engages at least one of the at least two handle engagement portions,[[;]]

wherein the nesting part is capable of pivoting ~~pivots~~ within the receiving area[[;]], the method comprising:

placing the nesting part of the second rigid portion in the substantially horizontal receiving area in the first rigid portion; varying a width of the body; and

pivoting the nesting part within the receiving area and also pivoting in order to move the first and second carrying case engagement portions with respect to the carrying case; and to accommodate the

varying the width of the carrying case body,

wherein the handle is configured to continue to be ergonomic as the substantially horizontal nesting part pivots within the substantially horizontal receiving area.

Claim 12. (Canceled).

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) The handle of claim 1, wherein the substantially horizontal receiving area is substantially rounded and the nesting part is substantially rounded, and wherein the substantially rounded receiving area ~~substantially~~ contacts the substantially rounded nesting part and at least part of the nesting part extends above the horizontal receiving area while pivoting.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The carrying case of claim 6, wherein the receiving area is substantially rounded and the nesting part is substantially rounded, and wherein the substantially rounded receiving area ~~substantially~~ contacts the substantially rounded nesting part while pivoting.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the receiving area is substantially rounded and the nesting part is substantially rounded, wherein the

substantially rounded receiving area ~~substantially~~ contacts the substantially rounded nesting part ~~while pivoting~~.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The ergonomic handle of claim 12, wherein the receiving area is substantially rounded and the nesting part is substantially rounded, wherein the substantially rounded receiving area ~~substantially~~ contacts the substantially rounded nesting part while pivoting.

Claim 17. (New) The handle of claim 1 further comprising a soft cover covering the first substantially rigid portion or the second substantially rigid portion.

Claim 18. (New) The apparatus of claim handle of claim 6 further comprising a soft cover covering the first substantially rigid portion or the second substantially rigid portion.

Claim 19. (New) A handle for attachment to a carrying case, the handle comprising:

a first portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion defining a substantially horizontal receiving area and the lower portion defining a first carrying case engagement portion; and

a second portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion defining a substantially horizontal nesting part that is configured to nest within the substantially horizontal receiving area and the lower portion defining a second carrying case engagement portion,

wherein the nesting part is configured to pivot within the receiving area, and the handle is configured to continue to be ergonomic as the substantially horizontal nesting part pivots within the substantially horizontal receiving area, and

wherein the first carrying case engagement portion is adapted to pivot inwardly with respect to the carrying case, and

wherein the second carrying case engagement portion is adapted to pivot inwardly with respect to the carrying case while the first carrying case engagement portion pivots inward.

Claim 20. (New) A handle in accordance with claim 19 wherein the first and second carrying case engagement portions each comprise a single elongated horizontal portion that is configured to be attached to the carrying case.

Claim 21. (New) A handle in accordance with claim 19 wherein the first and second portions of the handle are stiff.

Claim 22. (New) A handle in accordance with claim 19 wherein the first and second carrying case engagement portions are adapted to be attached to a top portion of the carrying case.

Claim 23. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a carrying case;

at least two handle engagement portions; and

a handle comprising

a first portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion defining a substantially horizontal receiving area and the lower portion defining a first carrying case engagement portion that engages at least one of the at least two handle engagement portions, and

a second substantially rigid portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion defining a substantially horizontal nesting part that is configured to nest within the substantially horizontal receiving area and the lower portion defining a second carrying case engagement portion that engages at least one of the at least two handle engagement portions,

wherein the nesting part is capable of pivoting within the receiving area, and wherein the handle is configured to continue to be ergonomic when the substantially horizontal nesting part pivots within the substantially horizontal receiving area, and

wherein the first carrying case engagement portion is adapted to pivot inwardly with respect to the carrying case and wherein the second carrying case engagement portion is adapted to pivot inwardly with respect to the carrying case while the first carrying case engagement portion pivots inward.

Claim 24. (New) An apparatus in accordance with claim 23 wherein the first and second carrying case engagement portions each comprise a single elongated horizontal portion that is configured to be attached to the carrying case.

Claim 25. (New) An apparatus in accordance with claim 23 wherein the first and second portions of the handle are stiff.

Claim 26. (New) An apparatus in accordance with claim 23 wherein the first and second carrying case engagement portions are at a top region of the carrying case.

Claim 27. (New) An apparatus in accordance with claim 6 wherein the first and second carrying case engagement portions are at a top region of the carrying case.